

18 June 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Assistant Director for Research and Reports

THROUGH: Chief, Economic Research

SUBJECT: Comments on CIA/RR-G-15, The Soviet Arctic

REFERENCE: (a) Memo to AD/RR from Chief, I/SH dated 12 February 1957, same subject 25X1A9a

(b) Letter to [REDACTED] dated 27 May 1957.

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1. Reference (a) outlines some errors which occurred in the subject intelligence report in Section III-D and made a recommendation to correct these errors. Reference (b) similarly questions the information in this Section of the report. In addition a cursory review of some of the other Sections revealed that the designation for the BEAR type aircraft on Page 5 of the subject report is incorrect.

2. It is therefore recommended that an extensive review of the material in this entire project as it effects various branches in ERA be carried out with the purpose of issuing a supplement or corrigenda for this publication.

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[REDACTED]
Chief, Industrial Division

Attachments {2}
Reference {a}
Reference {b}

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Acting Chief, Geographic Area

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1. The statement quoted from Geographic Intelligence Report, CIA/RR-G-15, The Soviet Arctic, page 36, referred to in the above memo, was paraphrased from Navy, CINCLANT. FTI-2/AS-3,003/62, 20 Jan 56, Northwest USSR Area Study, p. 70-20, S/NOFORN.

2. Since the report is a regional geographic study designed to present an overall current account of the Soviet Arctic as a whole, no attempt was made to develop and evaluate in detail each of the subjects discussed.

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3. The analyst, along with [REDACTED] is inclined to be skeptical. However, he feels that the statement "Although strictly a ship repair yard, it is reportedly being developed into a first-class shipyard that may possibly build submarines and destroyers" contains qualification sufficient to prevent its being accepted at this date as more than a report.

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4. The inquiry was correctly directed to [REDACTED] since the evaluation of the report would be within his field of competence.

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